

## ENGLISH TRANSPORT SUNK BY ENEMY

BRITISH ARMY  
ENMESHED BY  
TURKS, CLAIM

Berlin Reports Forces of  
Great Britain in Meso-  
potamia, Surrounded.

## BEATING A RETREAT?

According to Advices the  
Main Body of the English  
Is Now Withdrawing.

Berlin, Jan. 10 (by wireless to Say-  
ville, N. Y.)—The British army at Kut-  
El-Amara, in Mesopotamia, has now  
been surrounded completely by the  
Turks, according to Constantinople  
advices given out today by the Over-  
seas News agency. It is said the  
Turks have advanced to the main de-  
fenses of the British.

The main British army in Mesopota-  
mia, according to these advices, is in  
retreat, 10,000 men having been left at  
Kut-El-Amara to cover the movement.

Faced Superior Numbers.  
Recent dispatches have indicated  
that the British expedition in Mesopota-  
mia was confronted by Turkish  
forces of superior size and that it  
would have difficulty in maintaining  
itself at Kut-El-Amara. The defenses  
of the city were attacked by the  
Turks some time ago, resulting in se-  
vere fighting, but the British were  
able to repulse the assaults.

The retreat from Kut-El-Amara—  
assuming the correctness of the un-  
official advices from Berlin—apparently  
means the abandonment by the British  
of an offensive campaign in  
Mesopotamia. It was in November of  
1914 that an Anglo-Indian force, start-  
ing from the Persian gulf, began  
marching north and west over the de-  
sert. The fighting was slow and ex-  
hausting, but the British pushed  
northward until September of 1915,  
when they reached Kut-El-Amara,  
which is 230 miles northwest of the  
head of the Persian gulf. They de-  
feated the Turks there and advanced  
to Ctesiphon, 15 miles below Bagdad.

The Turks sent up large forces to  
save Bagdad and, after an initial de-  
feat, won a victory over the invaders.  
The British fell back on Kut-El-Amara,  
165 miles southeast of Bagdad,  
but there has been no previous in-  
timation that they intended to evacuate  
this point.

3,000 Men Are Lost.  
Amsterdam, Jan. 10, (via London,  
4:53 p. m.)—A British force which  
apparently was on the way to rein-  
force the British at Kut-El-Amara on  
the Tigris river, lost three thousand  
men in an attack on Turkish positions  
at Sheikh Said, according to a semi-offi-  
cial statement received here today  
from Constantinople. The attack is  
declared to have been repulsed.

## British Claim Victory.

London, Jan. 10, (3:40 p. m.)—Sir  
Percy Lake has been appointed to  
command the British forces in Mesopota-  
mia in succession to General  
Sir John E. Nixon, who has been  
compelled by ill health to return  
home. It was announced in the house  
of commons today by J. Austen Cham-  
berlain, secretary for India.

The Turks in Mesopotamia were in  
full retreat on January 9 with the  
British pursuing them, Mr. Chamber-  
lain said.

MOTHER KILLS SELF  
AND FIVE CHILDREN

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Chris-  
tina Maves, despondent and heartick,  
gathered her five children, all girls  
and under 7 years old, Saturday night  
and turned on the gas. When the  
father came home all were dead.

SMALL FORTUNE  
IN JEWELS LOST

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Jewels val-  
ued at \$26,000 belonging to Lieutenant  
Commander William P. Cronan, United  
States navy and said to have been  
stolen from a trunk some where be-  
tween Overbrook, Pa., and San Fran-  
cisco, were being sought today by de-  
tectives.

The trunk was shipped west when  
Commander Cronan was ordered from  
Pennsylvania to the Bremerton navy  
yard. The most valuable single piece  
was a platinum brooch set with 19  
diamonds.



—THE POOR LIL' FELLER'S ABUSED—

EXPLOSION KILLS  
THREE IN POWDER  
MILL; MANY HURT

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—Three em-  
ployees were killed and a number in-  
jured in an explosion of powder early  
today at the plant of the DuPont Pow-  
der works at Carneys' Point,  
N. J. The cause of the ex-  
plosion is unknown but, according to  
the superintendent, there is no sus-  
picion that the blast was due to outside  
agencies. The reports that arrests had  
been made were denied.

The dead are John Walsh, New  
York, Richard J. Carney, Philadelphia,  
and S. T. Clyde Wynn, address not  
known.

The superintendent said the vic-  
tims, who were employees, had no busi-  
ness in that part of the works where  
the explosion occurred.

The property loss is small as the  
explosion occurred in a small building  
some distance from the main buildings.  
It was reported that government  
agents and secret service men from  
the DuPont police force had been  
watching suspicious persons who went  
to the plant from Wilmington, Del., by  
boat, and that two men carrying bomb  
and fuses, had been arrested. C. B.  
Landis, a representative of the com-  
pany, denied these reports.

ILLNESS OF KAISER  
REGARDED LIGHTLY

Rome, Jan. 9, (3:20 p. m.)—Latest  
reports received here regarding the  
illness of the German emperor mini-  
mize the seriousness of his condition  
and contradict wild rumors circulated  
not long ago. A high church official  
who undertook to secure this report  
was assured that the doctors believed  
that if complications do not arise, a  
contingency they think unlikely, the  
emperor will be able to resume work  
this month or early in February.

THREE BODIES FOUND  
IN OHIO STEAMBOAT

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 10.—Three  
bodies were recovered today from the  
wreck of the steamer Kanawha which  
sank in the Ohio river near here last  
Wednesday night.  
Two identified as Mrs. E. C. Atkinson  
and Mrs. U. Beegle of Racine, Ohio, but  
searchers were unable to identify the  
other, also a woman.

PLAY WAR BUT LOSE  
FIRST FIGHT TO COPS

Keokuk, Ia., Jan. 10.—Earl Eastman  
and Louis Atkins, each 12 years old,  
stole, it is alleged, a quantity of dynamite  
from a construction company's  
warehouse last night. This morning  
they were arrested by the police while  
in the act of setting fire to several  
sticks of the explosive which they  
had placed in a trench.  
"We just wanted to play war," they  
said.

Writes For  
Money Gets  
Advice, Plea

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Thomas Foulkes,  
the Danbury, Iowa, farmer, who  
charges that Lodavine Miller and her  
brother, J. Marion Miller, swindled  
him out of \$11,312 and two farms val-  
ued at \$40,000, finished his direct  
testimony against the couple here today.  
He smiled broadly as he testified that  
Miss Miller sent him to Los Angeles,  
promising to meet him there and  
marry him.

"She didn't meet me in Los Angeles. I  
wrote to her and asked her to send me  
\$300. I received a letter full of relig-  
ious advice, but no money."  
Foulkes said that neither of the de-  
fendants ever returned to him any of  
the money or property he had turned  
over to them.

GREEKS ASK KING  
TO JOIN ENTENTE

Paris, Jan. 9, 11:45 p. m.—The con-  
gress of Greek colonists abroad, at-  
tended by delegates from the United  
States, Canada, England, France, Rus-  
sia, Switzerland and Rumania, met  
here today. After several discussions  
of the war situation, the congress re-  
solved:

First, that the urgent question was  
that of securing respect for the con-  
stitutional liberties of Greece; second,  
that it was to the interest of Greece  
to abandon neutrality and join the  
allies; third, that the congress should  
not break until this task was com-  
pleted, and that meanwhile power  
would be delegated to an executive  
committee charged with carrying out  
these decisions.

SWISS HANDLING  
HEAVY WAR MAIL

Berne, Jan. 9.—The Swiss mails  
have transmitted to prisoners of war  
during the period from Aug. 19 to  
Dec. 15, 1915, 13,000,000 parcels, 70-  
000,000 letters and cards and 2,000,000  
money orders for a total sum of 30-  
000,000 francs, of which 23,000,000  
francs was for French prisoners in  
Germany and 7,000,000 for Germans  
in France.

NO NEW FACTS ON THE  
SINKING OF PERSIA

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Ameri-  
can Consul Kehlenger at Malta today  
advised the state department that no  
new facts concerning the destruction  
of the steamship Persia were contain-  
ed in affidavits he had taken from  
seven survivors, including Lord Mon-  
agu, who had landed there. The sur-  
vivors were unanimous in saying that  
although officers of the ship were  
watching for submarines none was  
seen and no warning was given.

FIVE OF ELEVEN  
DIRECTORS MAY  
FACE NEW TRIAL

New York, Jan. 10.—Five former di-  
rectors of the New York, New Haven  
and Hartford railroad, charged by the  
government of criminal violation of  
the Sherman anti-trust laws, today face  
the possibility of another trial as a  
result of a disagreement reached by  
the jury yesterday.

Six of the 11 former directors of the  
road were found not guilty by the jury,  
which has been trying the case for  
nearly three months. Those on whom  
the jury disagreed are William Rocke-  
feller and Lewis Cass Ledyard of New  
York, Charles M. Pratt of Brooklyn,  
Charles F. Brooker of Ansonia and  
Edward D. Robbins of New Haven, Conn.

In announcing that he would move  
for a new trial for the five men, R. L.  
Batts of counsel for the government  
said this step would be taken "in due  
time."

Few opinions as to the action of the  
jury were publicly expressed by those  
most concerned today. Mr. Brooker  
said "We are still in the same boat  
and the watch appears calm."

BULL MOOSE PICK  
CONVENTION DATE

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Members of the  
progressive national committee are  
expected to reach Chicago today for  
the meeting at which arrangements  
for the national convention of the  
progressive party will be perfected.  
At the meeting the committeemen are  
to select a convention city and the  
date for holding the national gather-  
ing.

According to advices reaching pro-  
gressives here the idea of meeting in  
Chicago simultaneously with the re-  
publican convention has found favor  
with members of the national pro-  
gressive committee.

The committee meeting is set for  
Tuesday morning.

3,000 Bandit Troops Surrender.  
Washington, Jan. 10.—Admiral Wins-  
low reported today to the navy de-  
partment the surrender near Esperanza,  
Sonora, of 3,000 Mayo Indians and  
Villa troops to General Dieguez.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Tues-  
day with snow Tuesday. Much colder  
tonight with a cold wave with tem-  
perature near zero.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 36. Highest  
yesterday 40, lowest last night 36.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles  
per hour.

Precipitation .1 inch.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 95, at 7  
a. m. 80, at 1 p. m. today 58.

Stage of water 9.6 a fall of .5 in last  
48 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

SHIP LOAD OF  
TROOP SUNK  
SAYS REPORT

Germany Learns of British  
Disaster by Constanti-  
nople Advices.

## DEATH LIST UNKNOWN

If Any Went Down With  
Transport No Mention  
Is Made in Dispatch.

Berlin, Jan. 10 (by wireless to Say-  
ville, N. Y.)—The sinking of a trans-  
port ship of the allies, filled with  
troops, at the time of the withdrawal  
of the French and British forces from  
the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula, is  
reported in Constantinople dispatches  
given out today by the Overseas News  
agency.

The following dispatch, under date  
of Constantinople, was given out by  
the news agency:

"The Milli agency states that the  
Turks were making preparations for  
three days for the attack on the British  
and French, and results are not yet  
fully known. All the positions of the  
enemy near Seddul Bahr and Teke  
Burnu were occupied by the Turks,  
nine cannon being captured. Turkish  
artillery sank an enemy transport  
filled with soldiers. An enormous  
amount of booty was captured.  
"A Turkish aeroplane shot down an  
enemy biplane near Seddul Bahr."

The official British account of the  
evacuation said that the only casualty  
included in the withdrawal was the  
wounding of one British soldier.

London, Jan. 10.—The British bat-  
tle-ship King Edward VII. has been  
sunk as the result of striking a mine.  
The entire crew was saved.

Loss Officially Announced.  
The sinking of the King Edward VII.  
was announced by the admiralty in  
the following statement:

"H. M. S. King Edward VII. has  
struck a mine. Owing to the heavy  
sea, it had to be abandoned, and sank  
shortly afterward. The ship's com-  
pany was taken off without any loss  
of life. Only two men were injured."

(The King Edward was a battleship  
of 16,350 tons, laid down in March,  
1902. It was 453 feet long, 78 feet  
beam, and 26 feet draft. It had four  
12-inch, four 9.2 inch and ten 6-inch  
guns in its main battery, and was  
equipped with four torpedo tubes, sub-  
merged. Its speed on its trial trip  
was 19 knots. It had a complement of  
777 men.)

## Jolts British Public.

The sinking of the King Edward VII.  
has caused another pang to the British  
public.

The brief official statement does not  
reveal the scene of the action and  
merely says that the disaster occurred  
in a heavy sea, despite which the en-  
tire crew was saved before the ship  
went down.

The King Edward VII. represented  
an investment of nearly \$8,000,000 and  
was one of the finest of the last class  
of pre-dreadnaughts, corresponding in  
general to the American ships of the  
New Jersey and Nebraska type, and  
which was slightly older than the Natal,  
which was sunk by an internal explo-  
sion about a week ago.

## Abandon Dardanelles.

London, Jan. 10.—It is officially an-  
nounced that the complete evacuation  
of the Gallipoli peninsula has been  
successfully carried out.

General Sir Charles Monro, accord-  
ing to the official statement, reports  
that only one British soldier was  
wounded in the evacuation of the Gal-  
lipoli peninsula, that there were no  
casualties among the French, and that  
all the guns were saved, except 17  
worn-out ones, which were blown up.

## Only One Man Wounded.

The official communication issued  
last evening says:

"General Sir Charles Monro reports the  
complete evacuation of Gallipoli has  
been successfully carried out."

"All the guns and howitzers were  
got away, with the exception of 17  
worn-out guns, which were blown up  
by us before leaving."

"Our casualties amounted to one  
member of the British rank and file,  
wounded."

"There were no casualties among  
the French."

"General Monro states that the ac-  
complishment of this difficult task was  
due to Generals Birkwood and Davies,  
and invaluable assistance rendered in  
an operation of the highest difficulty  
by Admiral De Robeck and the royal  
navy."

Crazed Over  
War, Noted  
Bugatti Dies

Paris, Jan. 10, (4:35 a. m.)—The  
Italian animal sculptor, Rembrandt  
Bugatti, was found lying unconscious  
yesterday in his studio in the Rue Joseph-  
Bara, suffering from gas poison-  
ing. A gas jet in the studio was turned  
on. Bugatti was taken to Laennec  
hospital, where he died.

The work of Signor Bugatti, who was  
regarded as one of the foremost living  
sculptors, is represented in most of the  
galleries of Europe. When the war  
opened he was modeling animals at the  
zoological gardens in Antwerp. He  
gave up this work and devoted him-  
self to assisting the Belgian ambu-  
lance corps. When Antwerp was evacu-  
ated he went to Holland and thence to  
Italy, but as his class was not mobil-  
ized he came to Paris.

Of late months war seemed to have  
affected the sculptor profoundly. He  
was depressed by the sufferings of the  
Belgians, for whom he had great ad-  
miration. Signor Bugatti gave up  
some time ago his work in the spe-  
cialty which won him fame, saying:  
"This is not the time to make animals."  
He devoted himself entirely to a new  
interpretation of Christ. This work,  
now at the foundry, is his last.

DUNNE RECEIVES  
WILSON REGRETS

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—Because  
of an engagement in Washington on  
the evening of Feb. 11, President  
Wilson today informed Governor  
Dunne that he will be unable to at-  
tend the annual Lincoln day banquet  
in Springfield the evening of Feb. 12.  
Governor Dunne invited the presi-  
dent to attend some time ago and news  
dispatches from Washington several  
days ago stated that President Wilson  
probably would accept.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

## SENATE

Met at noon.  
Foreign relations committee  
granted hearing for Tuesday to  
women's peace party.

Senator Gore introduced a reso-  
lution to penalize trading with na-  
tions which illegally interfere with  
American trade abroad.

Objections of several senators  
prevented debate on the Susan B.  
Anthony woman suffrage amend-  
ment.

Senator Fall introduced a reso-  
lution to exempt from Panama canal  
tolls American coastwise ships and  
Pan-American vessels trading  
between the Americas.

## HOUSE

Met at noon.  
Major General Scott, chief of  
the staff of the army, explained  
army bill to military committee.

Rear Admiral Stanford contin-  
ued his testimony on yards and  
docks before naval committee.

Secretary McAdoo asked a de-  
ficiency appropriation of \$594,000  
to complete the approaches to the  
Lincoln memorial now under con-  
struction here.

## Latest Bulletins

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—The  
second special session of the Illi-  
nois legislature, which will con-  
vene here at noon tomorrow, may  
be asked to appropriate a surplus  
fund to take care of additional  
damage claims should there be fur-  
ther outbreaks of foot and mouth  
disease.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 10.—Six  
arrests were made today in con-  
nection with the robbing and  
burning of the East Youngstown  
postoffice. All are foreigners.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Great  
Britain and her allies, it was an-  
nounced today, have given con-  
sent to the American Red Cross  
society to ship its present accumu-  
lation of hospital supplies meant  
for hospitals in Germany and al-  
lied countries.

Washington, Jan. 10.—President  
Wilson possibly may put the ques-  
tion of national defense before the  
country in a series of speeches as  
one means of getting the neces-  
sary legislation through congress.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 10.—  
Three more bodies were recovered  
this afternoon. Identification has  
not been positive. All the state  
rooms have not yet been explored.

New York, Jan. 10.—Frank How-  
ard Dodd, president of the Ameri-  
can Publishers' association and  
senior member of the publishing  
firm of Dodd, Mead & Co., died at  
his home here today, aged 72.

TEUTS BEGIN  
OFFENSIVE IS  
BERLIN WORD

General Movement Sprung  
by Germans Along the  
Champagne Front.

## MEN AND GUNS TAKEN

According to Report Hun-  
dreds of Yards of Trench-  
es Were Also Won.

Berlin, Jan. 10 (by wireless to Say-  
ville, N. Y.)—An offensive movement  
has been inaugurated by the German  
forces in the Champagne. The an-  
nouncement was made by the war of-  
fice today that French positions ex-  
tending over several hundred yards at  
a point northwest of Massiges had been  
captured by the Germans.

The conquered positions are near  
Maisons de Champagne. The Germans  
captured 423 prisoners, including seven  
officers; five machine guns, and one  
large and seven small mine throwers.

## Counter Attack Fails.

A French counter attack, made to  
the east of the positions taken by the  
Germans, failed.

A German air craft division attacked  
the rear guard establishments of the  
allies at Fumes.

On the eastern front an advance at-  
tempted by strong Russian detach-  
ments at Belestany was repulsed.

## French Admit Defeat.

Paris, Jan. 10.—Heavy attacks were  
made yesterday by German troops in  
the Champagne, the war office an-  
nounced today. The German attacks  
broke down with heavy losses, the  
statement says, and although they  
gained temporary foothold in French  
positions at various places, they were  
subsequently driven out everywhere  
except from portions of two advanced  
trenches.

## The text of the statement follows:

## Germans Use Gas Shells.

"In the Champagne the enemy de-  
veloped the attack which he had pre-  
pared yesterday by a violent bombard-  
ment, notably with suffocating gas  
shells. During the day and through-  
out the night he attempted no less  
than four concentric actions on a front  
eight kilometers long, running from  
La Courtine to Mont Tetu (west and  
east of the Butte Du Mesnil)."

"Everywhere our fire decimated the  
adversary's forces and stopped his  
offensive operations short. The en-  
emy gained a foothold momentarily  
only at two points of our first line, to  
the northeast of the Butte Du Mesnil  
and to the west of Mont Tetu. A vig-  
orous counter attack by our troops  
promptly drove him out. At present  
he occupies only two small elements  
of advanced trenches."

YOUTH MEETS WITH  
A HORRIBLE DEATH

Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 10.—Harold  
Nichols, aged 16, employed as oiler  
at No. 5 mine at Hiteam, near here,  
was killed today while engaged in  
greasing the hoisting machinery. He  
was caught in the wheels and both  
arms and legs were severed. The pres-  
ence of blood on the rope led to the  
discovery as he worked alone at the  
top of the mine structure.

LANSING AND COUNT  
BERNSTORFF CONFER

Washington, Jan. 10.—Count von  
Bernstorff, the German ambassador,  
and Secretary Lansing had another  
conference in the Lusitania negotia-  
tions today which both agreed should  
be described as confidential.

KEOKUK TESTING  
IOWA MULET LAW

Keokuk, Iowa, Jan. 10.—The repeal  
of the mulct law, which closed the  
saloons of Iowa, was tested in Keo-  
kuk this morning, when Phil Nickel,  
an ex-saloon keeper, sold a bottle of  
beer to Fred Kreiger at the Lela  
bar, received 10 cents as payment for  
the liquor, and was arrested by Sher-  
iff John Scott and an informant fled  
against him. Later a hearing was held  
before a justice of the peace and Nick-  
el was bound over to the grand jury  
in the sum of \$250. Frank Hallinger,  
Nickel's attorney, said habeas corpus  
proceedings would be instituted in the  
superior court immediately.  
The state was represented by C. A.  
Robbins of the attorney general's  
staff and County Attorney McManus.